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SUMMARY. COULD AID AND USIS FUNDED YEMEN AMERICAN LANGUAGE INSTITUTE
LEGALLY TRAIN YARG MILITARY OFFICERS IF OTHER ARAB FUNDS
AVAILABLE? END SUMMARY.

1. WE ARE PRESENTLY IN THE PROCESS OF FORCING THE WITHDRAWAL OF
YARG ARMY OFFICER WHO APPEARED IN YALI ON HIS OWN INITIATIVE AND,
WITH GREAT DEDICATION, PRODUCED LETTER AFTER LETTTER FROM ARIOUS
GOVERNMENT ORGANS TO COUNTER OUR REPEATED EVICTION NOTICES.
THE MATTER IS NOW WITH THE DEPUTY CHIEF OF STAFF.

2. WE UNDERSTAND THAT AID PROBABLY COULD NOT AND USIS PROBABLY
WOULD RATHER NOT SEE ANY OF THEIR FUNDS USED TO TRAIN
MILITARY PERSONNEL. THE QUESTION ARISES HOWEVER, WHETHER MILITARY
COULD USE YALI FACILITIES IF THE SAUDIS OR YEMENIS PAID FOR
THEIR TRAINING?

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3. WITH PROBLEMS WHICH YARG MILITARY GRANT AID TRAINEES IN
THE STATES ARE HAVING WITH ENGLISH LANGUAGE INSTRUCTION--A
PRELIMINARY TO COURSES IN THEIR ACTUAL MILITARY SPECIALTIES--IT
WOULD BE OF GREAT VALUE TO US TO BE ABLE TO BRING NOMINEES FOR
U.S. TRAINING UP TO A CERTAIN LEVEL BEFOE THEY DEPARTED THE
COUNTRY. THIS WOULD HELP US SCREEN OUT THOSE WHO ARE NOT
ALBE OR MOTIVATED TO LEARN THE LANGUAGE.

4. WE ARE PRESENTLY EXPLORING OTHER ALTERNATIVES FOR ENGLISH LANGUAGE TRAINING FOR YARG MILITARY WITH SAUDIS HERE. THE INTITIAL REACTION WAS THAT THEY PREFER TRAINING IN SAUDI ARABIA BUT THEYWERE INTERESTED IN THE YALI POSSIBILITY. LIKE YEMENI MILITARY LEADERSHIP, SAUDIS HERE RECOGNIZE THAT AT OUTSET OF LARGE SCALE U.S. ARMS SUPPLY PROGRAM, ENGLISH TRAINING IS GOING TO BE IMPORTANT FACTOR IN SUCCESSFUL ASSIMILATION OF NEW EQUIPMENT.

5. YALI TRAINING HAS SEVERAL ADVANTAGES FOR US LOCALLY. FIRST, WITH MILITARY TRAINEES IN YALI THERE WOULD NEVER AGAIN BE A RISK THAT CERTAIN MINISTERS WOULD DEMAND IT CLOSE BECAUSE OTHER "CULTURAL CENTERS" HAVE BEEN CLOSED. COULD ACCOMMODATE MORE STUDENTS AT YALI IN MORNING OR EVENING HOURS. THIRD, CONTACT WITH EMEBASSY PERSONNEL AND USIS MATERIALS DURING THE TRAINING WOULD SATISFY AN IMPORTANT GOAL FOR THIS MISSION. FOOURTH, THERE ARE ABVIOS ECONOMIES IN POOLING RESOURCES FOR TRAINING A GROUP WHICH IS (EVEN COUNTING BOTH MILITARY AND CIVILIAN PERSONNEL) STILL RELATIVELY SMALL.

6. YALI TRAIKKKINING OF MILITARY OFFICERS POSES US SOME PROBLEMS TOO, PARTICULARLY BECAUSE WE WANT TO MAINTAIN A RATIO WHICH IS HEAVILY FAVORABLE TO CIVILIAN STUDENTS. THERE IS ALSO THE BELIEF AMONG MANY OBSERVERS, THAT MILITARY OFICERS IN YEMEN ARE NOT CHOSEN FOR THEIR BACKGROUND IN HIGHER EDUCATION. THERE ARE A NUMBER OF OTHER PRACTICAL PROBLEMS TOO.

6. NEVERTHELESS, IT SEEMS TO US A BIT PREMATURE TO TRY TO ASSESS ALL THE PROS AND CONS OF TRAINING MILITARY OFFICERS AT YALI. LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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WHT WE NEED AT MOMENT IS ANSWER TO QUESTION IN PARA TWO ABOVE. SCOTES

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